

Sitka Local Foods Network

Board of Directors Meeting

March 7, 2011

Unitarian Church

March MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Linda Wilson

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Linda Wilson; Lisa Sadleir-Hart; Natalie Sattler; Cathy Lieser; Kerry MacLane
Other: Claire D'Gaya (sp?)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: M/S Wilson/Sadleir-Hart moved to approve board meeting minutes for February 2011.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

Agenda – add Claire's presentation at the beginning of meeting

Fruit Tree Growing Map – Claire presented a growing map display she has prepared for the Let's Grow Sitka event. The display will ask residents of Sitka to note if and where they have fruit trees. They will be asked to identify what region of Sitka they live in, but do not have to give their exact address. Other general gardening questions will also be asked.

Financials:

- Recent budget reports were reviewed. Changes were recently made to the budget that includes adjustments to the travel account and professional fee account.

MOTION: M/S MacLane/Lieser moved to approve the amended budget.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

- Decision made to not get a debit card at this time for the group.
- Foraker dues of \$100 for access to webinars, etc. – **Kerry will pay**
- **Kerry will talk to Joann Huff** about doing the SLFN taxes, possibly pro bono
- Sitka Women's Club grant – coming up, ask to cover rent for 3 months of Farmers Markets at ANB
- **Cathy will look into this grant, timeline**
- SLFN has still not received \$500 from Running of the Boots event. **Natalie will write letter** to the Chamber of Commerce requesting money.

Project Updates:

A. Farmers Market

- a. Advertising for co-coordinator continues. Possible interest by one individual.
- b. Linda's trip to Anchorage for AK Farmers Market Association meeting and Rhubarb Cooperative – Interesting meeting and presentation, but no opportunity for networking. Need to increase our rhubarb production.
- c. Offer garden scholarships to increase local produce grown and sold at Farmers Markets. 3 scholarships for \$100 each and must attend 3 Farmers Markets – **Cathy will write up PSA** for paper/radio to advertise scholarships. Interested individuals must send in letter of interest by March 21st.

MOTION: M/S Sadleir-Hart/Lieser moved to offer 3 mini-grants at \$100 each for growing expenses and grant winners must attend and sell produce at 3 Farmers Markets.

ACTION: Motion PASSED

- d. **Judy Johnstone's gardens/Sprucecot – getting tall towers, still in need of garden manager, Claire will try to contact Judy**

B. St. Peters Fellowship Farm

- a. Laura Schmidt has started working and is planning work parties starting in April.
- b. Sunday, March 13th, St. Gregory's Church – seed starter kits will be put together for the Lets Grow event and for individuals to take home and start plants for the Farm.

C. Garden Update

- a. SJ/Hames Recreation Center – waiting for soil test, might be part of an enlargement of the community garden program that Dave Neutzel manages currently
- b. SEARHC – compost grass, etc.; Kerry is working on an employee wellness greenhouse
- c. Sarah Jordan's greenhouse available – 10 x 20 or so, Linda will look into

D. Educational Projects

- a. Arti Gras/Let's Grow Sitka – Sunday, March 20th, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. at ANB Hall
 - i. Ed Buyarski – will do presentations during Let's Grow. Also a tree pruning workshop at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19th at Patty Bickar's.
- b. Guest Speaker – Jeff Lowenfels, Memorial Day Weekend? – waiting to hear from Maybelle on his fee, schedule
- c. No library display this year
- d. Tree Planting – good last meeting – 75 trees total
 - i. Work Tree Planting Parties scheduled for April 23, 9 a.m. and April 30th
 - ii. April 23rd - Public Locations for trees include: Hames PE Center – 5 trees, St. Peters – 3 trees, Betty Eliason – 3 trees, Pacific High School or Sealing Cove – 4 trees, Raven Radio – 5 trees
 - iii. April 30th – private tree plantings
- e. FISH! – Fish in the Schools
 - i. Good response last month. Will happen once/month at Blatchley
- f. Alaska Food Policy Council
 - i. Edits on report complete, draft 2 now
 - ii. Strategic planning plan coming up
- g. Rotary presentation – May 24th, noon, Westmark – Linda and Kerry will present

E. Greenhouse and Education Center

- a. Facilitated visioning – John Holst \$300/hour; Mary Terese Thompson may be interested in facilitating
- b. Look at location near new baseball fields

Old Business

- c. T-shirts/Logo – Natalie finalizing design with DJ. Get sample of t-shirts for Let's Grow. Need budget for this item.
 - i. Lisa working on PSAs, etc. to get the word out

Next Meeting:

TBA – looking at changing time/day to meet more of our schedules.